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AMERICAN COMMUNIST WORKERS (MARXIST - LENINIST)

SMASH THE PAY BOARD!

DEMAND MORE JOBS, HIGHER WAGES



THOUSANDS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN PENNSYLVANIA ATTEND RALLY TO PROTEST PAY BOARD AND WAGE-FREEZE. THE POWER IN NUMBERS OF WORKERS, AS SHOWN HERE, HAS THE RULING CLASS SHAKING IN THEIR BOOTS. WORKERS ARE COMING TO REALIZE THEIR SLAVE-STATUS UNDER CAPITALISM, AND MORE AND MORE THEY ARE REALIZING THE BENEFITS OF (THE WORKER'S STATE) SOCIALISM.

FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!

SIGNIFICANCE OF NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

(The following is a condensed summary of remarks concerning the U.S. presidential elections which appeared in the Albania press. The summary of remarks printed here first appeared in the Albania Report, Aug.-Sept. 1972.)

Both U.S. parties, the Democrat and Republican, are faithful representatives of U.S. monopoly capital. Whichever candidate wins, the basic aims and objectives of U.S. imperialism will continue to dominate the White House.

Four years ago Nixon got elected on the basis of promises to bring "prosperity," but the working people are worse off. He promised to end the war in Viet Nam and reduce military spending, but instead he has further escalated the war of aggression under the banner of "Vietnamization," and military spending has gone sky high. He promised to end inflation and racial discrimination, but these problems are now worse than they were before. He said he would eliminate unemployment, but it is now worse than ever.

Taking advantage of the strong discontent of the masses of working people with the reactionary domestic and foreign pol-



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icies of the Nixon administration, George McGovern won the nomination of the Democrat Party by promising to end the barbarous war in Indochina, create jobs for everyone, end racial discrimination, stop inflation, etc.

U.S. IMPERIALISM IN CRISIS

There is no doubt that the U.S. is paying a high price for its war of aggression in Indochina. Besides the loss of life and maiming of tens of thousands of American soldiers, it has resulted in soaring inflation, mass unemployment, budget crisis, a weakening of its competitive position in the world market, a tremendous growth of crime and moral and spiritual decay, a proliferation of social conflicts, etc. The class struggle of the working people in their fight for peace, jobs, civil rights, civil liberties, social equality, etc. is sharpening daily.

The U.S. capitalist class finds itself in a very difficult situation. Consequently, a section of the U.S. ruling circles is calling for a re-examination of the old theories and policies in their aggressive foreign relations; they want to adjust the expansionist and hegemonistic ambitions of U.S. imperialism to the present day realities in the world.

Domestically, they are in favor of adopting some bourgeois reforms in order to give a new boost to the stagnant economy, to overcome some of the many difficulties by means of some partial concessions, and thus to curb and diminish the class struggle of the working people.

MCGOVERN'S POSITION

George McGovern is the representative

of this section of the U.S. ruling class. The so-called "radical" nature of his platform is nothing more than a search for partial bourgeois reforms.

While promising to end the war in Viet Nam McGovern at the same time promises all-out aid to Israel, continued collaboration with the Soviet social-imperialists to dominate the rest of the world, preservation of the military strength of the U.S. as the No. 1 power, etc. This shows that even if he is elected, the basic imperialist policies of the U.S. ruling class will remain unchanged.

While McGovern is making a big point of his promise to end the war in Indochina, Nixon also is trying to cash in on the wide peace sentiment by posing as an apostle of peace. He pretends to offer the Vietnamese "fair" cease-fire proposals in order to fool the American people. He has escalated the war to a greater intensity than ever before, stepped up the massive bombing of civilian targets and dikes, mined the harbors; but he dares to come out with new promises for peace, just as he falsely did four years ago.

NIXON PREFERRED BY SOVIETS

As U.S. imperialism is suffering great defeats in Viet Nam, the Soviet revisionist chiefs are doing their best to help Nixon out of his dilemma. They talk about a "peaceful solution," and are trying to put over the secret deals worked out in the Nixon-Brezhnev meeting in Moscow, to save Nixon from defeat. This mass murderer, Nixon, guilty of monstrous crimes, is clearly the preferred candidate by the Soviet revisionist leaders in the U.S. presidential election race.

The U.S. imperialists do not wish to withdraw from Indochina of their own free will. They will only do so if they are forced to. The kind of "peace" that Nixon offers is a peace of surrender and subjugation for the Vietnamese people under U.S. domination, a "pax americana."

The U.S. is in the grip of a sharp crisis, economic, political, social and military in character, a crisis both of the economic base and the political superstructure. Both the internal and external contradictions of U.S. imperialism are sharpening, in the context of the general crisis of capitalism. Despite the fake statistics of Nixon's experts, he is helpless in the face of these growing problems.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

The Republican Party platform clearly promises a continuation of the extremely reactionary policy which Nixon has followed in the past four years. The renomination of Nixon-Agnew at the convention indicates that the U.S. big bourgeoisie consider them to be the most loyal and resolute defenders of their interests.

If Nixon is elected again, he will carry out the same reactionary policy of belt tightening for the working people at home,

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The People's Voice is the monthly newspaper of the American Communist Workers (Marxist-Leninist).

This paper is representative of the policies and decisions of our organization, which is controlled and directed by a National Committee that exercises authority over our regional units according to the principles of democratic centralism.

Our organization (and publication) will speak for workers, and all people who are oppressed by capitalism and the economic exploitation, racism, and sexism which it produces.

This publication will serve as a tool for the promotion of unity among genuine Marxist-Leninist organizations, and for the bringing together of revolutionary individuals who are not at this time members of Marxist-Leninist organizations. It will also serve to develop the worker's struggle for a better standard of living, as well as the day to day struggles against exploitation and oppression in the factories and the communities: conditions brought on by monopoly capitalism and world imperialism.

At this point we make no grandiose claims about the size and strength of our organization. We are building. We feel there is a real need to bring other genuine Marxist-Leninists together into one movement in order to coordinate and strengthen the struggle, against the bosses and the rapidly developing corporate state (fascism).

As with all genuine Marxist-Leninists, the long-range goals of our movement include the establishment of a genuine Marxist-Leninist Party, which will lead the workers in their struggle for worker's state power and the establishment of the proletarian dictatorship, which will exercise power and control over the deposed capitalist ruling-class. The establishment of socialism, and the dictatorship of the proletariat, will put an end to racism, sexism, the horrors of war and fascism, and it will spell the end of the present imperialist domination of the world's people.

The world-wide defeat of imperialism will usher in an era of peace and security, and an era which will witness the liberation of all mankind.

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and dangerous adventures and war abroad. He will continue the criminal war in Viet Nam, and perpetuate his support for the fascist Thieu regime, as well as for all fascist and puppet regimes everywhere.

Nixon will continue his dangerous policy in the Middle East, and his imperialist and neo-colonialist policy in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, organizing coups d'etat wherever Wall Street's interests are threatened. He will intensify the U.S. collaboration with Soviet social-imperialism for domination of the whole world by the two superpowers.

The war in Viet Nam is the number one problem for the U.S.A. Nixon has no intention of ending this war. While enjoying the enthusiastic support of big business, Nixon & Agnew have earned the hatred of the American working people.

WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONS

A question which is frequently raised, is should trade unions be supported? The usual argument against supporting union struggles is that the national union leadership is more often than not corrupt, and under the influence of the bosses.

The fact of the matter is, however, that regardless of the character of the AFL-CIO

leadership, trade-union struggles must be supported, because trade unionism is the only viable weapon that the American worker has at his disposal. Without the organized labor movement, the worker would be totally at the mercy of the bosses.

LIMITED POTENTIAL

The main problem with trade unions is that they have only limited power and potential. Many workers are led to believe that a pay raise and more fringe benefits will solve everything, when in truth they are merely momentary gains. Despite this, struggles for higher wages, fringe benefits and better working conditions are vital, and must be supported. The workers trade-union struggle is an endless one in a capitalist society, however, because the bosses are bent on making the largest profit possible, while paying workers as little as possible. Workers must realize that their limited gains are easily lost, because trade unions have no real political power. The only real weapon that workers have - the right to strike - can be, and is being hacked away at by a deluge of anti-strike, anti-labor legislation.

WORKERS NEED CHANGE



It is time for the worker's struggle to broaden into revolutionary struggle for lasting changes. A token increase in pay enables the worker to barely keep up with the rate of inflation (6% a year), if that. We must all struggle for the right of workers to own and run the companies they work in - the logical progression of labor unions: socialism!

A STRIKE IS A STRIKE

When a union calls for a strike, workers should absolutely refuse to return to work until all their demands are met. This means totally ignoring court injunctions, or 80 day "cooling off" periods, and ultimately, compulsory arbitration schemes. If the bosses send in their scabs, the police or national guard, they too should be opposed.

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PEOPLE PROTEST RED-SCARE

The Internal Security Division of the Justice Department (formerly HUAC), in its campaign to create a new "red-scare," has instituted "hearings" in San Francisco with the stated purpose of "investigating the activities of Left radicals." Eleven of the witnesses that have been subpoenaed to testify before the I.S.D. (the "political arm" of the Justice Department) have thus far refused, and they are now facing eighteen months imprisonment for "contempt." The resumption of these so-called investigations is an attempt on the part of the ruling class to intimidate political radicals, and to institute another reign of terror like the "McCarthy hearings," which were so effective in the fifties.

The phony investigations which are being conducted in San Francisco, are supposedly centered around the activities and connec-

tions of the "weatherpeople," a terrorist organization which has long been a thorn in the side of the F.B.I.

The San Francisco "investigation" is the latest in a series of attempts by the Justice Department to squelch protest and political activity against the murderous policies of the ruling U.S. capitalist class. Recently, a group of Irish-Americans were jailed for the same phony "contempt" charges, stemming from their activities in support of the heroic struggle of the Irish people, against British imperialism. The Irish-Americans were accused of "gun-running" by the Nixon regime, and their imprisonment clearly demonstrates the way in which one imperialist power aids the other. The Justice Department has been victimizing Vietnamese students for the criminal Thieu regime the same way they have been doing the dirty work for the British.

Opposition to the new "witch hunt" of the Nixon regime is growing. The "contempt trials" of the eleven witnesses who refused to testify, opened in San Francisco recently, and hundreds of people showed up to protest the growing fascist repression. Members of the A.C.W.(M-L) participated in the demonstration, and spoke with many of the passers-by, who expressed interest in what was happening inside the Federal building. Many of the workers in the Federal building came out to find out what was happening, and most hadn't heard anything about the hearings. One older worker who remembered what went on in the early Fifties said "you've got to be kidding," when we explained what was happening. The general mood of the people who were present at the demonstration indicated that the Justice Department will not get away with their attempt at instituting a new "red-purge."

The political implications of these "investigations" are clear, and they should be regarded as an indication of what Nixon and the bosses are planning. "Red-scares" have always been used in time of mounting capitalist crisis, and the ruling class is still using the same "bag of tricks." The investigations must be opposed and the message must be broadcasted loud and clear that the people will not tolerate the latest attempt of increased repression by the Nixon regime.



NIXON THE RED-BAITER (1952)

"THE BLACK WORKER: A NEW KIND OF SLAVE"

"The new slavery, the modern variety of chattel slavery updated to disguise itself, places the victim in a factory or...in support roles inside and around the factory system (service trades) working for a wage. However, if work cannot be found in or around the factory complex, today's neo-slavery does not allow even for a modicum of food and shelter...

One's entire day centers around the acquisition of the wage. The control of your eight or ten hours on the job is determined by others. You are left with fourteen to sixteen hours. But since you don't live at the factory you have to subtract at least another hour for transportation... If you can afford three meals, you are left with ten to twelve hours. Rest is also a factor in efficiency, so we have to take eight hours away for sleeping... The man who owns the factory, or shop or business runs your life...

The Viet soldier has attacked and destroyed the pigs and their guns, but this alone has not solved his problems. If the Cong could get to the factories and the people who own and organize them, the war would end in a few months. All wars would end."

George Jackson



NEWS BRIEFS...

CHALLENGE TO PROPOSITION 22 FAILS

(CALIFORNIA)—On Oct. 6, a California Superior Court judge rejected the suit filed by the Secretary of State, Edmond Brown, to remove Proposition 22 (aimed at smashing the Farmworkers Union) from the ballot, denying the charge that widespread fraud was used in obtaining the petition signatures necessary to qualify it for the ballot.

The judge said his decision was not based on the merits of the case but on "lack of time" to resolve the issue before the elections. Brown, a "friend" of the Farmworkers said he would not appeal the decision.

COMPANY AND GOVERNMENT GUILTY

(WEST VIRGINIA)—A report issued August 18, by the Citizens Commission to Investigate the Buffalo Creek Disaster, accuses the giant Buffalo Mining - Pittston Coal Company of murder, and various state and federal agencies of negligence. The report covers the Buffalo Creek flood of February 26, 1972 in which 124 people died, 4,000 were left homeless, and \$50 million worth of property was destroyed.

The Commission was organized in response to an "investigation committee" appointed by Governor Arch Moore. The Moore Committee was comprised of State and Federal bureaucrats and "private" citizens; all lackies of the coal industry.

MORE CONTROLS OVER WAGES

(WASHINGTON)—The wage ceiling will have to be reduced from 5.5% to 4% as part of an over-all plan to continue wage controls to 1974, said Niel Jacoby, a member of the Federal Pay Board.

REPORTERS CHALLENGE BAN ON INTERVIEW WITH PRISONERS

(CALIFORNIA)—Twenty-six reporters from newspapers and magazines across the country have filed suit charging that the rules in California's prisons that prohibit reporters from interviewing prisoners are unconstitutional. The suit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California. It grew out of the ban on press interviews with Ruchell Magee, who is being framed on charges stemming from the same courthouse shoot-out that was used to frame Angela Davis. The U.S. district court in Washington, D.C., has already ruled unconstitutional a similar ban on prison interviews.

MINORITY HIRING CALLED "FAILURE"

(WASHINGTON)—Nixon's special program for employing Spanish-speaking persons in the Federal Government was called "a monumental failure" by the chairman of a House subcommittee that studied it.

The program announced by Nixon two years ago, has resulted in no significant increase

in the level of Spanish-speaking employment in the Federal Government.

MEXICANS EXPLOITED AND EXPELLED

(CALIFORNIA)—Almost 400,000 Mexican farm workers were expelled from the United States last year without receiving payment for their work, according to a study done by Mexican University sources. The report stated workers, many of whom were smuggled in, worked for U.S. farm owners under conditions of "slavery", and that the U.S. and Mexican governments supported their exploitation.

15,000 R.E.A.

WORKERS STRIKE

October 20 - The Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks representing 15,000 R.E.A. Express employees went out on strike for higher wages and better working conditions, "siezing the time" (Xmas rush) to bring the bosses to the negotiating table. The union has been without a new contract for six months now. Four days later, on Oct. 24, a U.S. District Court Judge issued a 10 day back to work order at the "company's request."



UNEMPLOYMENT LINES ARE GROWING

UNEMPLOYMENT

Thousands of workers are being laid off, and forced on to the unemployment and welfare roles, despite all the promises of a "bright new future just around the corner." At the same time that unemployment and layoffs are increasing, there are massive cutbacks of welfare and unemployment benefits in many states. California alone has forced a quarter of a million workers and their families off welfare during the past year.

The Post Office alone is expected to lay off 100,000 workers this year, and many plants are being shut down, and moved from one state to another in order to pick up on lower wages, while auto plants are being moved out of the country to various parts of Europe to take advantage of lower wages. The capitalists are in for trouble though, and they will be confronted by the workers at every turn. All workers are waking up to the slick maneuvers of the bosses and it won't be long before the bosses have to choose between paying workers a decent wage

or losing their companies completely.

RESTORATION OF DEATH PENALTY

CALIFORNIA - PROP 17 if passed is designed to reinstate the death penalty for the following offenses:

1. crimes against the state
2. destruction of railroads
3. killing of a prison guard
4. perjury in the case of a capital crime



CHILDREN WHO MAY BE DENIED WELFARE

LATEST

CAPITALIST SCHEME

The Senate Finance Committee approved a measure which would eliminate 40% of the approximately 15 million families on the welfare roles. Most of these are families without fathers. The measure would therefore force the mothers into slave labor positions for the government and private business, for poverty wages. Their income would be cut too far below that of what they now receive on welfare, an income which is totally insufficient to meet the rising cost of living.

The ruling class goal is to create a slave labor force to divide the struggle of organized labor and all workers, for the right to strike, for better wages and working conditions.

WHERE STRIKES COULD COME

NEXT YEAR

This coming year, as the contradiction between labor and capital sharpens, promises a new wave of militant strikes focused around the wage-freeze, "speed-up" (which is being attempted by most major industries) and increased lay-offs as a result of declining "war contracts." Some of the contracts which will be expiring are:

December 31	Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers—major oil companies
January 30	Ladies' Garment Workers—dress manufacturers
March-May	Construction unions—building industry
April 19-20	Rubber Workers—tire manufacturers
May 25-26	Electrical unions—General Electric Company
June 10	Electrical unions—Westinghouse Corporation
June 30	Rail unions—nation's railroads
June 30	Teamsters—interstate-trucking firms
July 1	Longshoremen—Pacific Maritime Association
July 20	Postal unions—U. S. Postal Service
August 31	Meat Cutters—meat-packing companies
September 14	United Auto Workers—Big Three auto companies

7 FACING DEATH FOR OPPOSING DRUGS

The most vicious weapon used against the super exploited people of the ghettos by the ruling class is drugs. Minority people (blacks in particular) and poor whites who are trapped in city slums have long faced the problem of enslavement by heroin, which is produced and sold for a profit by the capitalist ruling class. During the past 20 years, people in the ghetto have become more aware of the political implications of drug addiction, and the effect that it has on their lives. Heroin is a tool of the ruling class, in the same way that the police and military are tools of the ruling class; they are all used to prevent revolt and to keep the people enslaved.

When the people in the ghetto communities begin to understand the full implications of drug addiction, they become aware of the motive behind it, (enslavement of oppressed people, coupled with enormous profits for the ruling

class) and from that, they logically deduce the source of the heroin, and the reasons for it being so readily "available" in their communities. In the black ghettos of U.S. cities any kid on the street can score dope without any problem whatever, and any kid on the street can also tell you who sells it, and profits from it: the pusher sells it openly, because the cops, who get a percentage of his sales, allow (and encourage) him to.

Many of the black communities however, have declared open war on dope and pushers, and in most communities, they are meeting with resistance from the cops who stand to lose a lot of money if drugs are stopped. A case in point is Louisville, Kentucky, where the Black Panther Party has been conducting a campaign to eliminate heroin from the Louisville ghetto.

Because the cops in Louisville were totally involved in pushing heroin in the black community, the Panthers, after a series of commun-

ity meetings on the heroin problem, decided to take the cause of the people into their own hands, and pay the pushers (all well known by community people and cops alike) a visit. They raided the local heroin headquarters, and harassed the pushers by forcing them to strip and then removed their "blood money" in order to pour it back into the community. As a result, seven of the Louisville Panthers are now facing the electric chair (armed robbery is a capital offense in Kentucky), and because there were nine pushers who were shaken down by the Panthers, the outraged pigs charged each of the seven with nine counts of armed robbery.

The trial of the seven men started September 27, and resistance is growing in Louisville. The people are no longer willing to see their children victimized and killed by dope, and they are out to stop the people responsible for it. The seven who are being labeled "criminals" by the pigs and their press, are heroes to the people. SMASH THE PUSHERS! FREE THE LOUISVILLE SEVEN!



A BOMBED-OUT CIVILIAN HOUSING COMPLEX IN HANOI

VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IS VICTORY FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

The U.S. Imperialists, attempting everything short of nuclear war to defeat the Vietnamese people, are failing miserably to in any way reverse the victories or to dampen the spirit of the heroic Vietnamese.

ARVN troops have failed totally in their attempt to dislodge the PLAF from three hamlets they control ten miles north of Saigon. Battles in the southern part of Binhduong Province have also failed to budge the Liberation Forces, despite massive American air support. In the Western Highlands, near Kontum City, the PLAF have also won and consolidated decisive victories, and in the Pleiku Province, ARVN troops were forced to abandon their position under heavy artillery attacks.

FAILURE OF NIXON'S BLOCKADE

The Nixon regime's mining and blockade campaign has also failed in its attempt to

stop the flow of supplies to the liberation forces in South Vietnam. It has been estimated that the PLAF "can sustain fighting in South Vietnam at the present rate for the next two years despite heavy American bombing in North Vietnam."

"Vietnamization" is fast being replaced by re-Americanization. The U.S. Imperialists have mobilized almost all of their available air and naval power. This includes:

- one-half of the total B-52 strategic bomber fleet;
- one-half of U.S. air-craft carriers;
- over one-third of the total U.S. tactical planes (jet fighters and fighter bombers);
- one-half of the ships of the Seventh Fleet which patrols the entire Pacific and Indian Oceans.

MASSIVE IMPERIALIST DEFEAT

The ARVN troops have suffered heavy losses at the hands of the PLAF, with 7 out of 13 divisions out of action, despite an enormous increase in U.S. bombing raids. In the last 21 months American planes have dropped more bombs in Vietnam than the total allied tonnage released over Germany between 1940-1945. The French paper Le Monde reported that between April 6 to September 1972, the U.S. dropped 400,000 tons of bombs on North Vietnam. This is equivalent to the tonnage dropped in the two year period 1967 and 1968 - at the peak of Johnson's air war.

The bombing of civilian targets and the mining and blockading of the harbors aimed at "breaking the will" of the Vietnamese has only increased their determination to utterly defeat the U.S. imperialists.

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Arab People Facing Genocide

Since the incident involving the Black September organization at the Munich Olympics this year, the Arab people and their organizations have been subjected to numerous fascist attacks by the Imperialist powers on an international scale. The Imperialists are using the Munich incident as a cover-up for their present racist anti-Arab campaign. The Arab people have struggled for well over 20 years against Israel and its Imperialist backers, so it is absurd to assume that the act of terror in Munich this year is representative of the heroic Arab people's just struggle.

The Palestinian people are used to these fascist methods of oppression. Since 1948 when Israel was created, there have been two million Palestinians forced from their land and forced into miserable tent camps in Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan; as well as concentration camps in the Gaza strip. Thousands of their people have been arrested and killed. Still, to this day, the heroic Palestinian people are continuing their struggle for their rich lands which were sto-



PALESTINIAN WORKERS PROTESTING THEIR OPPRESSION.

len by the profit-crazed Imperialist Zionists of Israel.

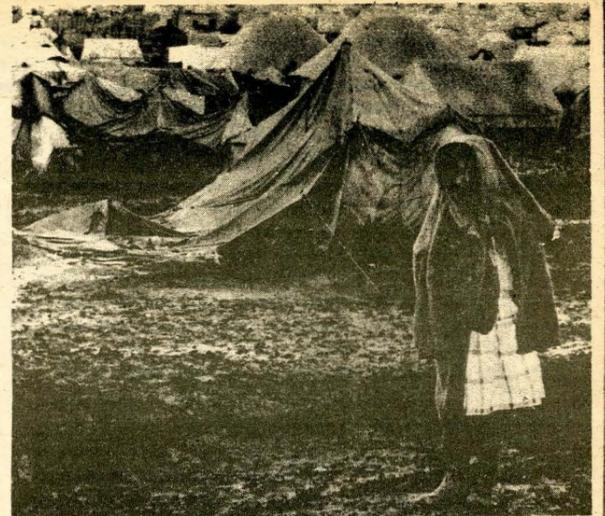
The pro-Zionist United States Imperialists are now in the process of waging an "anti-terrorist" campaign which in reality is an anti-Arab campaign. On Oct. 4th., an announcement was made by the U.S. Government which stated that all Arabs entering or leaving the U.S. must be "screened," and that all Federal Agencies concerned either with travel or with "suppression of terrorist activities" will cooperate in this effort; including the State Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Since the numerous acts of violence by the Fascist Zionist Jewish Defense League far outweigh any so-called terrorists acts by Arabs, the contradictions of the campaign being waged by the U.S. are blatant. The U.S. government however, has yet to take any steps to apprehend their Fascist Zionist Agents who have been committing all kinds of crimes within the U.S., against the Arab embassies and diplomats.

The phony U.S. scare-campaign about "international criminals" and "senseless violence" is being used to cover up the genocidal mass terror bombings in Vietnam, and the genocide being waged against the Palestinian people by Israeli fascists.

Meanwhile, the international anti-Arab campaign continues in other countries as well. On Oct. 4th. in Paris, a Palestinian bookstore was bombed, and a note left at the scene said "to anti-Semite terror, Jewish terror will respond."

In the past few months the West German Government has waged a racist propaganda attack on Arab workers and students residing in Germany. Over one thousand students and workers have been deported. Pre-dawn raids have been made in true Nazi style, by groups of 20 or more policemen armed with machine guns. The General Union of Palestinian Workers (GUPA), and the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS), both legal and democratic organizations,



ARAB WOMAN IN FASCIST ZIONIST "CAMP"; SOME OF WHICH HAVE EXISTED FOR TWENTY YEARS.

have been outlawed, and their members subjected to immediate deportation. The German media is being used to create panic and "public outrage" against "foreigners," while news blackouts have rendered the public blindfolded.

Waves of protest are growing throughout the world against the suppression of the Arab people's. Demonstrations have taken place involving thousands of people throughout Europe and the United States.

Workers and oppressed peoples of the world must fight these Fascist tactics of racist repression against the Palestinian Arabs. They must realize that these methods are the same as the McCarthy purge of the 1950's in the United States. They must remember the fascist Nazi movement of 30 years ago and realize that these vicious acts of persecution will not end with the suppression of Arabs alone, but with an all out campaign of genocide. Broadly, the campaign is aimed at suppression of all political opposition to imperialism.

Fedders Strike Ends: Where Do We Go From Here?

7 MONTH STRIKE ENDS

The Fedders strike has ended, more than seven months after Local 483 I.U.E. struck against a proposed new contract providing for wage decreases, elimination of seven paid holidays and the automatic firing of workers who miss a certain number of days a year, even though they may have a doctor's excuse. Under the old contract the average Fedders worker (a woman, black or latin-american) received poverty wages. It is by this sort of exploitation that Fedders profits went up by \$18 million last year, and Fedders owner Giordino took home a \$250,000 pay packet.

In the period after the strike at the

ing the bourgeois state, and after having won state power, consolidating it by setting up a dictatorship over their former oppressors; all the while rebuilding society according to the just and human principles of socialism. The same basic strategy of militancy, and solidarity (with worker control) applies to the limited, tactical battles for better pay and working conditions that workers are engaged in. Trade union struggles however, remain essentially "economic" until they are raised to a level of revolutionary class struggle through revolutionary political consciousness.

THE CORPORATE STATE

As the cost of living increases (and the bosses' profits), as there is more unemploy-



FEDDERS WORKERS GIVING COPS A DEMONSTRATION OF WORKERS POWER, AS THEY MILITANTLY REFUSE TO LET CAR PASS THROUGH THEIR PICKET LINE. DESPITE THEIR GUNS, COPS REALIZE THAT THEY'RE HOPELESSLY OUNUMBERED AND THEY ARE IN NO POSITION TO ARGUE WITH THE WORKERS.

Fifth largest factory in New Jersey started, a mass picket began, the windshields of scab's cars were smashed and solidarity was shown by representatives of the United Auto Workers, Teamsters and Steelworkers. However as the strike dragged on the strikers' strength was sapped, and solidarity with workers at other Fedders' plants waned. Repression by pigs protecting the scabs, and anti-strike laws limiting picketing and secondary boycotts, took their toll. Thus when Fedders workers voted to return to work this month, many were unhappy, and few were satisfied with the contract.

LIMITED GAINS

The contract settlement involved "compromise," but it was not a defeat. Workers and trade unionists for whom the class struggle is a day in day out event knows that a contract is only a truce in the protracted struggle of worker against the boss and his state machinery (laws, cops, etc.). Every strike has to end. Every demand won from the boss, however small, cuts into the profits he steals from workers, and thus forces the capitalists to continue their attacks on the labor force in order to increase their profits still more.

What is important is that the Fedder workers take stock of the past year - feel proud of their struggle and the solidarity it created, and start to examine the mistakes that were made.

REFORM AND REVOLUTION

In a very real sense, every industrial action is objectively a small dress rehearsal for revolution; with many of the same problems and opportunities. The crux of a proletarian revolution is the ability of workers (with organized proletarian leadership) to take political control by smash-

ment and more speedup, as the foundations of a fully developed fascist corporate state develop (anti-strike and compulsory arbitration laws, the wage freeze, compulsory work for welfare, etc.), every major strike becomes of great importance for the future of American workers, men and women of all races, ethnic groups, and ages.

Once workers have taken the step of refusing to submit to the exploitive and racist rule of the bosses and capitalist state power (laws, injunctions, cops), they will have objectively started on a protracted struggle toward overthrowing that state.

The boss knows what is really at stake - that's why he quickly resorts to injunctions, the cops, red-baiting, and splitting black and white, and men and women, workers from each other.

COMMUNIST WORKERS AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT

It is us the workers who have to become more conscious of what is at stake in the long run in every struggle at the factory and on the job - either utter defeat (fascism) by the bosses and their state, or our complete victory (socialism and proletarian dictatorship).

In the inevitable pauses between strikes and struggles we should take stock of our position and see how we can better organize ourselves where we work, by building unity and solidarity amongst the rank and file and militant leaders in the trade unions, and amongst the unorganized workers, and unemployed. We must also build for the revolutionary party of the proletariat (revolutionary communist party), which will provide the leadership for the entire working class, and which will (through its vanguard leadership) transform the day to day economic struggle of worker's trade-unions into revolutionary class struggle.

"If there is to be a revolution, there must be a revolutionary party. Without a revolutionary party, without a party built on the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary theory and in the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style, it is impossible to lead the working class and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism and its running dogs."

-Mao Tse Tung

History has proven that revolutionary movements which fail to build a base in the working class, i.e., at the point of production, are doomed to defeat and ultimate extinction by the ruling class and its forces. History has also shown us that mass movements, which stem from the revolutionary

the CPUSA combined with the pro-capitalist and anarchist politics of the "new-left," has had a disastrous effect on the American communist movement, and the working class struggle as a whole.

In an era of increasing capitalist economic crises within the U.S., and increasing

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initiatives of the people, will also face certain disaster unless they merge with the on going working class struggle, accept working class leadership, and thoroughly reject all forms of bourgeois and petty-bourgeois ideology and leadership. The bourgeois co-optation of the American trade-union movement, and the various people's movements in the U.S. (movement against the war in Vietnam, racism and sexism), amply demonstrates the disastrous results of a working class deprived of its leadership, namely, the leadership of a revolutionary communist party. The disgusting degeneration of the CPUSA is history now, but its continued existence, along with the existence of other phony "socialist" and "communist" parties, does not alter the fact that the increasingly revolutionary U.S. working class is without the leadership of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party.

The so-called "new left," a loose coalition of reactionary pacifists, reformists and trotskyites, has lost most of its influence among students and petty-bourgeois intellectuals (the only following it had), as a result of its open collaboration with the capitalist ruling class, on the one hand, and the tendency toward individual acts of terrorism on the other. The "sell-out" of

inter-imperialist competition on a world scale, the American communist movement finds itself steeped in sectarianism, almost totally estranged from the mass of workers, ideologically confused and absurdly factionalized. Rather than striving for unity ("uniting with real friends"), based on common principles, many Marxist-Leninists are existing as isolated impotent factions, all attempting to "hammer out the correct line," often through study sessions alone, and with little or no "practice". The eclectic tendency is widespread and totally wrong, and so is the other extreme - actions without a theoretic base. These tendencies are a problem within the genuine communist left, but they can be overcome. The various phony communist groups however, also present a problem to the genuine communist movement, but dealing with them is another matter.

SMASH ALL FORMS OF REVISIONISM

There can be no alliance with the various phony communist groups, just as their can be no alliance with the anti-communist trotskyites. The right revisionist CPUSA is heavily financed by the capitalists and the Soviet-social-imperialists. Its task is to spread confusion among the workers concern-

ing socialism, and just as the Soviet-social-imperialists calls for "peaceful co-existence" on a world scale, the CPUSA preaches "peaceful co-existence" and the counter-revolutionary "peaceful transition to socialism" theory on a national scale. The CPUSA is anti-communist, and serves its capitalist masters in the U.S.A. and the Soviet-social-imperialists with equal faithfulness. All forms of right revisionism must be smashed!

The counter-revolutionary "ultra-leftists," who call themselves Marxist-Leninist, but who are in fact barely distinguishable from the trotskyites, must also be opposed. These groups, are actively engaged in spreading lies and confusion (in the interests of capitalism and imperialism) about socialist Albania and the People's Republic of China.

ITY amongst genuine Marxist-Leninists, and it was with this fact in mind, that the American Communists Workers (Marxist-Leninist) was formed in May of this year. As stated in our **Draft Perspective**, two of our main organizational principles are: 1) The avoidance of sectarianism, and 2) the promotion of unity amongst genuine Marxist-Leninists, based on common principle, with the perspective of forming a Marxist-Leninist party.

COMBAT SECTARIANISM

We also recognize the fact that to often small groups of Marxist-Leninists have remained isolated from practical struggle, and opted instead to "develop themselves" as opposed to combining study with participa-

They are disrupters, the dividers, and they are as "valuable" to their capitalist masters as are their comrades in the rightist CPUSA. Like the right opportunists, these anti-working class left opportunists must be exposed and smashed.

The above mentioned right and left opportunists are clearly not our "Friends," and since their ideology is phony Marxist-Leninism, their influence can only be one of disruption and division.

GENUINE MARXIST-LENINIST UNITE

The American working class - 77 million workers and their families - is becoming increasingly revolutionary in this period of growing capitalist crisis and inter-imperialist competition. The growing movements of militant worker strikes combined with increasing people's protest in the movements against imperialist war, racist and sexist oppression, have created a situation where the working class, despite it's growing militancy, finds itself without any unified revolutionary leadership, or specifically, without the leadership of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party of the proletariat. This fact itself is a clarion call for UN-

ting in the day to day struggles of the masses in the factories and communities. This tendency to avoid the correct integration of "theory with practice" is a dangerous one, and it is contrary to the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung. We must combat this tendency in order to avoid isolation from the masses, since it is "from the masses," and only from the masses that we are able to develop and advance the cause of socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

There is also the tendency on the part of many organizations and small groups to dwell on the "minor differences" they have with other Marxist-Leninists, and to remain "pure" by refusing to unite with others on common principles. This tendency toward sectarianism is also wrong and contrary to the principles of Marxism-Leninism. This sort of practice leads to elitism, scholasticism and mechanical application of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung. To "create" a line is to have no line at all, and to fail to develop a line which is thoroughly tested by struggle, is to face defeat and certain annihilation, or at best, obscurity.

These tendencies toward eclecticism and sectarianism must be combated if the communist left is to develop to a level of providing unified leadership of the American working class, through the formation of a genuine party of the proletariat.

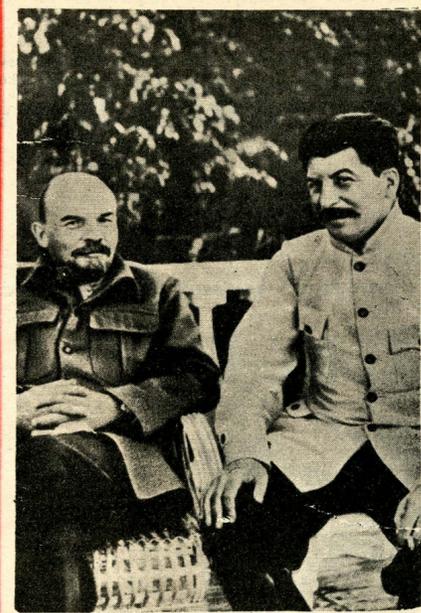
IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE

Genuine Marxist-Leninists must overcome their isolation and iron out their differences through ideological struggle - the only method of resolving ideological disputes. Various Marxist-Leninists (organizations and study groups) know the meaning and principles of ideological struggle, but they do not see the need to engage in it at present. This is a major error, and serves the cause of disunity, and weakens the struggle as a whole.

In order for the genuine communist left to better coordinate its activities on a national scale, and in order for all of us to understand the national situation more fully (based on practical experience in the various geographic areas), we must communicate and struggle on a national level.

One group has a particular line which appears correct based on conditions in a particular geographic area, while another group has a position which appears correct based on their knowledge of the national scene as a whole, but because each group is isolated and not in communication with the other, both are very likely to have positions which are either tactically or theoretically incorrect, based on actual objective or subjective conditions.

As long as the genuine communist left remains isolated, and as long as we continue to play on our "differences" at the expense of our common principles, the situation outlined above will serve to advance the cause of the capitalist ruling class, and weaken the struggle of the working class.



LENIN AND STALIN ARE PICTURED HERE AFTER THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP IN RUSSIA. BOTH WERE WELL AWARE OF THE NEED FOR UNITY IN THE PARTY AND AMONGST THE WORKERS, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE SEIZURE OF STATE POWER.

Workers State: Dictatorship Of The Proletariat

The "dictatorship of the proletariat," which has been distorted by the combined forces of the bourgeoisie and right and left revisionists, is the very foundation of revolutionary Marxist-Leninism. The "dictatorship of the proletariat" is democracy in a new way - proletarian democracy, the democracy of the working class and dictatorship over the remnants of the displaced minority ruling class.

The most important difference between the bourgeois dictatorship and the worker's state is that the former is based on the dictatorship of the exploiting minority over the exploited majority, whereas the latter is the dictatorship of the exploited majority (workers) over the exploiting minority (the ruling class).

The purpose of the dictatorship of the proletariat is two fold Its first purpose is to crush the resistance of the overthrown exploiters, since the overthrown bourgeoisie remains a dangerous force to the proletariat because of their ties with the international bourgeoisie, who are determined to restore the exploiters. Also, they still are in possession of most of the money (which is impossible to abolish all at once) and often considerable moveable property.

Secondly, the proletarian dictatorship is necessary to carry the revolution to its completion, to the complete victory of socialism! The dictatorship of the proletariat is the transitional stage between capitalism and communism. It is a necessary historical epoch to enable the proletariat to first, as Stalin points out, "educate

itself and become steeled as a force capable of governing the country and secondly, to re-educate and remould the petty-bourgeois strata along such lines as will assure the organization of socialist production." (Foundations of Leninism, p.44)

Absurd distortions by right and left opportunists of the concept of the "withering away of the state," under the dictatorship of the proletariat, necessitated the only footnote ever added to the Communist Manifesto. Based on the experience of the Paris Commune, Engels points out, "the working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready-made state machinery, and wield it for its own purposes." The bourgeois state machine must be smashed!

The "withering away of the state" refers to the remnants of the proletarian state, or semi-state which withers away after the socialist revolution, under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The state becomes obsolete as various classes of society become extinct.

The "withering away of the state" has also been shamelessly distorted by revisionists, to negate the need for a violent revolution. These opportunists would have workers believe that the bourgeois state will "wither away" or "cease of itself" and be replaced by socialism.

The dictatorship of the proletariat will only be realized through a genuine Marxist-Leninist Party as the advanced detachment of the working class, capable of leading the proletariat in overthrowing the bourgeoisie and carrying the proletarian revolution to its completion, to the complete victory of socialism!

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STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY ON COMMON PRINCIPLES

NO COMPROMISE ON PRINCIPLES

In our tasks to build for unity with the perspective of forming a Marxist-Leninist party, it is important to avoid sectarianism, but at the same time we must guard against all forms of revisionism and opportunism. We must build our unity and our party on sound tactics, within the framework and correct principles of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse Tung thought. All forms of left and right opportunism must be opposed, and the genuine American party of the proletariat will evolve, based on unity through struggle around our common principles.

TASKS OF MARXIST-LENINISTS

It is clear that in order to achieve the socialist revolution, to overthrow the present system of social production, to establish a worker's state with power in the form of the dictatorship of the proletariat, to build socialism and ultimately communism, it is necessary to win over the masses, and to organize the working class struggle under the direction of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party of the proletariat. In order to unify our struggle and to build the genuine party of the working class, we must work to unify and coordinate present means of front activity, mass struggle, and public opinion against our single common enemy - monopoly capitalism and imperialism!

BASES FOR UNITY

It is clear that in order to build unity amongst genuine Marxist-Leninists, we must establish common principles, based on sound Marxist-Leninist theory, upon which we can unite. There are several principles which can provide a basis for unity, and which will eliminate, to a large extent, the possibility of "infiltration" by left and right opportunists, who would seek to divide rather than unite.

OUR COMMON PRINCIPLES ARE:

- THE NEED TO BUILD A VANGUARD MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY
- THE ABSOLUTE NEED TO BUILD A BASE IN THE WORKING CLASS;



Workers are the only ones with the "real power" needed to defeat U.S. imperialism and its world-wide aggression. Workers, students and all oppressed people must unite to defeat capitalism - the enemy of all the world's people.

- THE NEED TO UNIFY THE DAY TO DAY STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND EMERGING FASCISM;
- THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLES OF ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPRESSED BY IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM;
- THE NEED TO ACCEPT THE CORRECT LEADERSHIP OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE ALBANIAN PARTY OF LABOR IN THE WORLD WIDE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM, AND ALL FORMS OF REVISIONISM.

The task of achieving unity will be long and difficult, but despite the hardships, it must be undertaken. In times of mounting capitalist crisis, the forces of state repression become increasingly menacing, and if we are not prepared to withstand the inevitable anti-communist assaults which come in times of such crisis, our efforts and the working class struggle as a whole will suf-

fer severe set-backs.

All genuine Marxist-Leninists must unite in struggle...

- FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF ALL WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE (BLACK, BROWN AND WHITE) INTO ONE BROAD CLASS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE RULING CAPITALIST CLASS.

- FOR THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT (A STATE THAT IS DEMOCRATIC IN A NEW WAY, AND ONE WHICH EXERCISES DICTATORSHIP OVER THE BOURGEOISIE).

- FOR SOCIALISM (FROM EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY, TO EACH ACCORDING TO HIS WORK!)

- FOR COMMUNISM (FROM EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY, TO EACH ACCORDING TO HIS NEED!)

- AND THE LIBERATION OF HUMANITY!

VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE cont.

THIEU WILL BE REPLACED

The Thieu regime's increasingly fascist activities of muzzling the press and arresting tens of thousands of civilians, has forced even the U.S. Senate to condemn his "repressive acts." Thieu has been the cause of much embarrassment to the U.S. imperialists by his recent actions. Thieu will most likely be "replaced" (just like Diem), by

a U.S.-instigated coup or assassination, and the U.S. tactic will be to replace Thieu with a pro-U.S. imperialist dictator, with a more liberal facade; essentially the same tactic that is being used by the U.S. capitalist class by running McGovern "against" Nixon.

RENEWED PROTEST NEEDED



"Conscripted" ARVN troops surrendering to PLAF forces - an increasingly common occurrence

It is especially important for American workers and students to increase opposition to U.S. imperialism at this time, since our oppression (economic and otherwise), along with the aggression against the Vietnamese, is mounting with every new escalation.

The U.S. capitalist economy is in a period of crisis as a result of years of "wartime economy," during which production and profit were largely dependent on war. As usual, even though there is not enough money to "go around," the fat cat capitalists are making sure they get their profits, and it is the worker who is being pinched.

CORPORATE STATE

The pattern which is emerging in the U.S., is a familiar one. The U.S. ruling class is doing everything to make the corporate state (fascism) a reality. Facing massive colonial defeats, and increasing economic competition abroad, the only way the U.S. capitalists can maintain their profit levels, is through stepped up oppression of the workers at home. The wage-freeze coupled with the call for the workers to "step-up production," is writing on the wall for the American worker. When Hitler and Mussolini were put in power by the German and Italian capitalist classes, they not only froze wages and demanded that workers step-up production, but they made worker's strikes illegal - a situation that is fast becoming a reality in America.

CHINA SPEAKS ON WORLD SITUATION AT U.N.

(The following excerpts are from a speech made by China's Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Chiao Kuanhua, to the U.N. General Assembly.)

WORLD SITUATION

A number of important changes have taken place in world situation since the 26th session of the United Nations General Assembly. A series of new victories have been achieved by the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples in their struggle to win and safeguard national independence. Countries of the third world are getting united on a wider scale to oppose the superpower policies of aggression, expansion and war; they are playing an even greater role in international affairs.

Meanwhile, some important events have taken place in international relations. In



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ADDRESSING U.N.

the East, the leaders of China and the United States have held talks after more than 20 years' suspension of relations between the two countries.

Recently, Prime Minister Tanaka of Japan paid a visit to China, and the two sides have reached an important agreement on the normalization of the relations, thus realizing the longstanding aspirations of the two peoples and opening up a new chapter in the relations between the two countries.

In the West, the Soviet Union and the United States held summit talks and signed a number of bilateral agreements on cooperation in the fields of science and technology, culture, education and health. The European Economic Community has grown and expanded. In the Middle East, far-reaching progress has been made in the Arab country's struggle to free itself from superpower control. The struggle of the people of various countries and the changes in the international relations have helped in varying degrees to promote the relaxation of international tension.

U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION

However, it cannot but be noted that there is no essential change in the situation in which a superpower is pushing expansionism by all means in contending for world hegemony.

To this day, the U.S. war of aggression against Indochina is still going on. Because of the meddling by the Soviet Union, the turmoil on the South Asian subcontinent has failed to subside. The "peace" in the Middle East remains. In Europe, with the two military blocs confronting each other, there is no, and cannot be any genuine security, colonialism of different forms persists in many parts of the world. The sovereignty and independence of many small and medium-sized countries are still being infringed and their national resources plundered. Twenty seven years have elapsed since the end of World War II. There are still foreign military bases of various kinds and large numbers of foreign troops on the territories of many countries. The arms race between the two superpowers is being stepped up without cease, seriously jeopardizing the security of the peoples of the world. The whole Western world is in the grip of financial and monetary crises which have aggravated its various contradictions. In these circumstances, how can the world not be in turmoil? The world is still in the process of great turbulence, great div-

ision and great realignment.

WAR AND PEACE

The Chinese delegation holds that the people of all countries must not be deluded by certain temporary and superficial phenomena of detente at the present time and develop a false sense of security. While striving for world peace and the progress of mankind, we must maintain sufficient vigilance and make necessary preparations against the danger of new wars of aggression any imperialism may launch.

To end the war in Indochina as soon as possible is the most urgent matter for easing the tension in the Far East. At present, the people of the whole world, including the American people, strongly condemn the U.S. Government for its wanton bombing, mining and blockading against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and resolutely demand that it immediately stop all its acts of aggression against Vietnam and the whole of Indochina and withdraw all the armed forces of the United States and its followers, so that the peoples of the three Indochinese countries may solve their own problems independently, free from any foreign interference.

Fair and reasonable ways for the peaceful settlement of the Vietnam and Indochina question have been put forward in the seven-point proposal of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam and the elaboration on its two key points and in the joint declaration of the summit conference of the Indochinese peoples.

The three Indochinese countries are close neighbors of China, and the three Indochinese peoples are the Chinese people's brothers. We are duty-bound to support them in their just struggle against foreign aggression, and will never interfere in their internal affairs. On behalf of the Chinese Government, I once again solemnly declare on this rostrum: As long as the war in Indochina goes on in whatever form, the Chinese government and people, not flinching from the greatest national sacrifice,



NIXON CONDUCTING "BUSINESS" WITH SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS.

will firmly support the three Indochinese peoples in fighting to the end.

Of late, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam issued a statement on Sept. 11, demanding that the United States cease its policy of "Vietnamizing" the war and its support to the Saigon puppet regime, and pointing out that a solution to the problem of South Vietnam must proceed from the actual situation in South Vietnam in which there exist two administrations and two armies as well as other political forces and that a provisional government of national concord composed of three equal segments must be formed to take charge of the affairs in the period of transition. This proposal is fair and reasonable. It shows that the Vietnamese side has no intention to impose a Communist regime on South Vietnam. Rejection of this proposal precisely bespeaks the attempt to continue to impose the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet regime on the South Vietnamese people. The Chinese Government fully supports the just stand of the Vietnamese people and of the three Indochinese people.

2 SUPERPOWERS DENOUNCED

The present situation of "no war, no peace" in the Middle East is solely created by the two superpowers for their respective interests. Taking advantage of this situation, they are using Arab countries' territories and sovereignty and the Palestinian people's right to existence as stakes to strike political deals. The United States is openly supporting the aggression by Israeli Zionism. The other superpower claims to "support and assist" the Arab people in their struggle against aggression. Has it supported and assisted them? It has indeed sold them no small amount of weapons. But strangely, the weapons supplied are not allowed to be used. Is this not asking people to buy scrap iron? Moreover, it demands privileges and bases, and even attempts to subvert their government. What kind of "friend" is this? It is more dangerous than an open enemy.

HEROIC ARAB PEOPLE

However, recent developments show that the heroic Arab people will not allow others to ride on their backs and lord it over them for long. They have taken determined actions to shake off superpower domination. This commands admiration. Do not believe the sensational nonsense deliberately spread by a superpower that no counterattack should be made against Israel's armed aggression for that would spark a world war. That is meant to scare people. It has been borne out repeatedly by the history of the 20 years and more since World War II.

We believe that, so long as they strengthen their unity and persevere in struggle, the Arab countries subjected to aggression are fully capable of recovering their sacred territories and the injured Palestinian people regaining their national rights.

The Chinese Government has always opposed assassination and hijacking of individuals as a means for waging political struggles

and is also opposed to terrorist acts by individuals or a handful of people divorced from the masses, because they are harmful to the cause of national liberation and people's revolution. But we strongly condemn Israel for the recent barbarous aggression and massacres it has committed against Lebanon, Syria and other Arab countries on the pretext of the "Munich incident." The Chinese people will always stand together with the Arab and Palestinian peoples in their just struggle against aggression.

The situation in the Mediterranean is closely related to that in the Middle East and Europe. In contending for hegemony, the two superpowers have dispatched large numbers of war vessels to the Mediterranean and set up many military bases there, posing a threat to the security of the countries around the sea. Now more and more mediterranean countries have raised their voice for "a Mediterranean of the Mediterranean countries," and demanded the withdrawal of foreign fleets from the Mediterranean. Their demand is entirely just and the Chinese Government and people firmly support it.

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Workers And Trade Unions

POWER IN NUMBERS

When it comes right down to it, the only real power workers have is in their numbers. Right now trade unions are providing a base for workers to realize their strength. All efforts by workers to oppose their bosses must be supported. Once workers understand what their real interest are, and once they realize their strength, they will oppose the national union mis-leadership when it sells them out, just as they will oppose the leadership of the capitalist state. Worker solidarity is the only answer!

RACISM HURTS ALL WORKERS

Rank and file workers must always be on guard against racism, and they must be aware of the fact that racism hurts all workers - white, black or brown. Racism (and sexism) creates artificial barriers in the ranks of the working-class, and puts the bosses in a better "bargaining" position, thereby enhancing his profits at the expense of all the workers.

RACISM IN UNIONS

Closed craft unions have often practiced racism by forcing minority workers to take needless (often rigged) exams in order to "qualify" for membership. Racist exclusion policies in some unions have forced many black, brown, and women workers to take jobs at far below the union wage, which has helped the bosses (not other workers) reap



ARMED WOMEN WORKERS MANING THE FRONT LINES AGAINST STRIKE-BREAKERS (DETROIT, 1933)



WORKERS ARE SHOWN EATING "COMMUNALLY" DURING THE MILITANT STRIKE AGAINST DETROIT G.M. (1937).

higher profits - an estimated 22 billion a year from racist wage differentials. Racist practices and "closed" unions must be smashed by the rank and file.

SMASH RACIST MIS-LEADERSHIP

Racism is not only practiced by the capitalist class. Many AFL-CIO labor misleaders practice racism. For example, George Meany refused to let the AFL-CIO executive council endorse the historic 1963 civil rights march on Washington D.C., and during that same year, he intervened against four black and Puerto Rican workers who wanted to join the plumbers union in New York City. Now, in 1972, Meany spends his time red-baiting workers, and denouncing the People's Republic of China, while the editorial page of the AFL-CIO newspaper was combining racism and red-baiting, by objecting to the release of Angela Davis on bail.

UNIONS AND RED-BAITING

During the period from 1910 to 1949, communists and other radicals played a leading role in the building of the trade-union movement. In fact, they were the virtual organizers of the AFL-CIO.

During the cold-war period however, labor misleaders like Meany, Ruether, Lovestone and Dbinsky, who were working with the C.I.A., led an orgy of red-baiting against the solid working-class leadership of many of the unions. Eleven unions, including the giant United Electrical Workers, were expelled from the CIO. A rash of laws were passed which prevented communists from holding union cards or official positions in the labor movement, and many of these laws are still on the books. A typical piece of red-baiting is the AFL-CIO ruling which forbids any union from being involved with any so-called "totalitarian organization".

These laws are designed by the ruling class to prevent progressive rank and file workers from being elected to leadership positions, but initially they were used to "purge" the most militant men and women from the movement - the men and women who were chiefly responsible for most of the victories of the American trade-union movement.

The red-baiting labor leaders played right into the hands of the capitalist ruling class and did immeasurable damage to the position of the American worker and the labor movement in general.

COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP

Communist workers, rank and file, not only led the fight for better working conditions and higher wages, but they must be credited with bringing something to the American labor movement - a socialist perspective. They helped workers gain consciousness of the fact that as long as the bosses and their representatives control the government, and as long as the economic system is based on profit and exploitation, workers are constantly in danger of losing whatever gains they have made or might make. Workers can expect to be plagued constantly by rising prices, taxes, inflation, pay boards, etc. At very best, the worker under capitalism can expect his new contract to get him back to where he or she started, while the boss pockets the real gains from the worker's labor.

This was the real contribution of Marxist-Leninists (communists) to the American labor movement - making the American worker realize that his future interests lie with proletarian state power, and socialism.

We have stated here a few reasons why, in fighting to build or strengthen a trade union, it is most important that workers seize every opportunity to smash racism and red-baiting, within and without their organization.

FRIENDS OF PEOPLE'S VOICE

Many people have questioned us regarding "Friends of People's Voice," and what their relationship is to the A.C.W.(M-L), so we decided to take this opportunity to briefly explain the role of our "friends."

There are several groups throughout the country who are not necessarily members of the A.C.W.(M-L), but who support the aims and policies of our organization and our publication. Friends of People's Voice are also involved in organizing study groups of students and workers with the intent of studying and promoting Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse Tung thought.

Also, a primary function of our "Friends"

is to circulate the paper by selling it where they work or attend school, and by finding new distribution outlets where the people can obtain it. It is partly through building and developing "Friends of People's Voice" that we hope to enlarge and strengthen our organization, and to contribute to the cause of widely disseminating Marxist-Leninism and Mao Tse Tung thought. For further information concerning "Friends of People's Voice," please contact:

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Workers Move To Smash Pay Board

WORKERS MOVE TO SMASH PAY BOARD

Throughout the U.S., workers are stepping up their opposition to the Nixon Pay Board and its fascist control of workers' wages. Now workers have been told that what started out as a 5.5% ceiling on wage increases, will be pushed down to 4 or even possibly 3 percent immediately after the elections. Workers' salaries now, which have been "frozen" for over a year now are becoming more and more worthless with prices climbing constantly, and these new controls will, if instituted, have a disastrous effect on the living standards of the workers and their families.

WORKERS ARRESTED

Recently in San Francisco, two officials of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees along with an unemployed worker, were assaulted and then arrested, while attending a federal Pay Board meeting. The three workers are now facing federal charges of assault, and because their charges only carry up to six months in jail, new federal law denies them the right to a jury trial. The workers are scheduled to go on trial

October 31st in San Francisco. A demonstration has been called for outside the courthouse by many local unions in the Bay Area to demand justice for the workers and an end to the fascist Pay Board.

In Boston this September, thousands of militant construction workers demonstrated and confronted Boston police and Massachusetts state cops in their campaign to smash the pay board.

Five hundred Chicano workers held a militant protest against the wage "freeze" in Los Angeles recently, and they demonstrated by their mood that they would not tolerate the fascist control of wages much longer. Throughout the country, workers (both employed and unemployed) are uniting to combat the growing government control of pay in favor of the bosses' profits.

INCREASING CORPORATE STATE

Communists and militant trade-unionists are uniting around the common struggle to stop the rapidly growing corporate state (fascism) and its creeping economic and political oppression of workers and trade-unions. In our struggle we must not neglect those who are daily being forced into the ranks of the unemployed, and who are forced to subsist on the meager welfare and unem-

ployment benefits which are also being cut drastically by the capitalists, in order to maintain their profits in the face of mounting capitalist/imperialist crisis.

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FARMWORKERS VICTIMIZED BY CHAVEZ LEADERSHIP

After years of struggle, the United Farmworkers Union (AFL-CIO), despite nationwide support from the mass of the people and from American trade-union workers, has made no real progress in terms of winning a decent wage or improved living and working conditions for the farmworkers and their families. Farmworkers' leader, Cesar Chavez, hailed by the capitalist press as the "savior" of the largely Spanish-speaking farmworkers, has seemingly forsaken all his loyalty to the workers, and is barely distinguishable from the other "prominent" labor misleaders of the AFL-CIO. His words are opportunist, and his actions of late, differ only slightly from those of the capitalist growers. When the growers threaten bodily harm to the rank and file, he cautions them to "trust in the Lord"; when the scabs start crossing the UFWOC picket lines en masse, Chavez tells the



CHAVEZ, THE MISLEADER, ENJOYS HIS ROLE AS THE "CHRIST-LIKE" MARTYR WHO WOULD SAVE THE WORKERS BY PUBLICITY-ORIENTED HUNGER-STRIKES.

workers to act "responsibly."

CHAVEZ A "HERO" TO THE BOSSES

Chavez, the "Ghandi-like" celebrity, has long been opposed by the militant rank and file of the farmworkers union because of his appeasement policies and reactionary pacifist tactics in "dealing" with growers throughout the U.S. The fact of the matter is that his "hero status," and his so-called "charisma" have been created by the capitalist press and not the people. Like so many other mis-leaders, he has been given fame as a gift from the ruling class, for services rendered.

MILITANT WORKERS VS. SELL-OUT LEADERSHIP

Farmworkers remain today, the lowest paid and most exploited segment of the organized working class. If sell-out leadership is not the problem, then what is? Surely it is not lack of militancy on the part of farmworkers and their supporters. The grape boycott, which lasted for well over five years was supported on a wide scale from coast to coast, and just when the growers (despite massive government purchase of grapes) were beaten to a point where they had nothing to bargain with, mis-leader Chavez called for a "moratorium" on the strike, in order for "both sides to cool off." Apparently, the "cooling off" period was successful, because except for the fact that Chavez and the Union were "recognized" by the growers, vineyard workers are worse off now than they were before their strike began. Chavez gave the millionaire growers a "recovery period" but the workers who fought the strike through have yet to recover their losses.

MURDER OF WORKERS

Capitalist violence and murder against farmworkers is commonplace, and despite the outrage and protest by the workers themselves, there is very often little more than

a wimper of protest from Chavez and the union headquarters.

In February of this year, a young farmworker and UFWOC activist named Romulo Avalos was brutally shot to death in the presence of his family, while working in an orchard near Planada in the Central San Joaquin Valley, California. He was shot point-blank with a .357 magnum by pig borderpatrolman Edward Nelson, who claimed he killed Avalos in self-defense. Despite the fact that all of the witnesses (including the murdered worker's brothers) testified that Avalos was unarmed at the time of the murder, and despite the fact that the pig could not explain his presence in the orchard, the murder was called "justifiable" by a phony grand jury, even before young Avalos was buried. Immediately after the brutal murder, thousands of UFWOC members from throughout California converged on the little town of Winton to attend the slain worker's funeral and to protest his killing.

UNION TAKES NO ACTION

Members of the A.C.W.(M-L) who were active in the area of the killing spoke with witnesses to the murder, and even managed to obtain a taped interview (supplied by a local student) of the local D.A. commenting on the case and his "investigation" of the incident. The testimony of the witnesses, combined with the contradictory statements, arrogance and racism of the local D.A., all pointed clearly to the fact that the borderpatrolman not only murdered the farmworker, but that there was also reason to assume premeditation, based on trouble Avalos had with local growers.

We supplied the UFWOC headquarters with a copy of the tape recording, and their own lawyers interviewed the witnesses. What did the Chavez leadership do to get justice for Romulo Avalos and his family? Nothing! They simply issued the standard garbage about a "deplorable situation." Of course this was only an isolated incident, but it deserves mention here because we have direct knowledge of it, and we know for a fact that for some reason, the incident was not only whitewashed by the local pigs (that is to be assumed), but by the union as well. Also, to this day as far as we know, the UFWOC leadership has not even informed the farmworkers as a whole of the incident.

CHAVEZ SERVANT OF BOSSES

The collaboration between the capitalist growers and the Chavez leadership has long been a fact, and it continues blatantly today. The recent strike against the White River Farms in Tulare County is sickening evidence of the UFWU mis-leadership. Here we have a situation of workers who are, in many cases making as little as \$1.50 per hour with no increase for overtime, being told to cool it until after the November elections (unofficial statement made to us by a union representative). The strike which is "only partially on" at this writing is to get the workers \$2.00 per hour for what is mostly a twelve hour day.

When the workers were attacked by strike-breakers hired by the Tulare Co. growers recently, many of them responded with counter-violence, in order to defend themselves. Chavez, the reactionary pacifist, joined with the owner of White River Farms, and expressed his "indignation." Their statements, which ran side by side in the capitalist press were both anti-worker and pro-scab. John Boreta, boss of the White River Farms said, he deplored the violence that had arisen around the strike, and that "union supporters" had attacked non-union workers (scabs). Although the situation was exactly the reverse, and the workers had been attacked in their union hall by the hired strike-breakers of Boreta, Chavez publicly chastized the farmworkers by threatening to expel anyone from the union

who "engaged in acts of violence." He even threatened to call off the strike. Chavez, a committed pro-capitalist pacifist, is in a strange position as leader of a worker's trade-union since he opposes workers defending their picket lines, or resorting to defensive violence after being attacked.

CHAVEZ INCAPABLE OF LEADING WORKERS

The reasons for the failure of the Farmworker's union to gain a decent wage (union scale is \$2 per hour and below) for its members, stems directly from the fact that Chavez and his cohorts are incapable of leading workers. They (particularly Chavez) are pro-capitalist and anti-worker in that they lead workers into actions which are futile, (permitting scabs to cross picket lines) and rather than educate the rank and file as to the opposing interests of the workers and bosses, they council unity between workers and bosses. The reactionary pacifist line of Chavez would mislead workers into believing that the growers are their "brothers",



BIG GROWERS HIRE THESE ARMED STRIKE-BREAKERS TO "CONTROL" FARMWORKERS AND PROTECT SCABS.

and that they share common interests with them. Tactically, the greatest enemy of the working class is pacifism. It is criminal for anyone to council workers into passivity, when they are facing an armed and increasingly desperate ruling class of bosses, and their lackeys.

The time is coming when the militant rank and file of the farmworkers union will smash Chavez and the other mis-leaders who have kept them down so long. Militant struggle, including counter-violence when called for, will win the cause of the farmworkers ultimately, just as armed struggle of all workers will eventually end the criminal rule of the entire capitalist class.

SUPPORT THE FARMWORKERS!

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